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NOTICE TO ISSUE GENERAL SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The Division of Environmental Services is announcing the South Dakota Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) is proposing to issue a general Surface Water Discharge Permit for Water Treatment and Distribution Activities. This general permit is proposed for any drinking water treatment and/or distribution facility that treats or distributes water for public consumption and has the potential to discharge water into waters of the state. Water treatment facilities discharging water needing treatment for radioactive compounds that do not meet the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act are not eligible for coverage under this permit.

The proposed general permit will ensure protection of the state's surface waters by outlining the requirements for facilities during normal operations or an unanticipated discharge due to emergency circumstances. The proposed general permit will be effective for five years upon its issuance and the annual fee for this permit will be \$50.

Prior to obtaining coverage under the general permit, the applicant must submit a Notice of Intent or permit application to receive coverage under the general permit. DENR will review the information contained in the Notice of Intent or application to determine if the applicant is eligible for coverage under the general permit.

Tentative determinations regarding general permit conditions and the eligibility of these facilities have been made by DENR. The general permit specifies the conditions that must be met in the event of a discharge. The proposed general permit and supporting documents are available from DENR at the address listed below or at the following website:

<http://www.state.sd.us/denr/DES/Surfacewater/WTP.htm>.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD), Chapter 74:50:02, any person wishing to comment on the department's recommendation for the conditional issuance of this general permit must submit written comments to the below address by **March 2, 2009**. Comments may be directed to the following address: South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, PMB 2020, Surface Water Quality Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-3181. Any person wishing a public hearing must file a petition which complies with ARSD 74:50:02. If no objections are received within the specified 30-day period, DENR will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Anthony Mueske with DENR, at (605) 773-3351, or by writing to the address listed above.



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